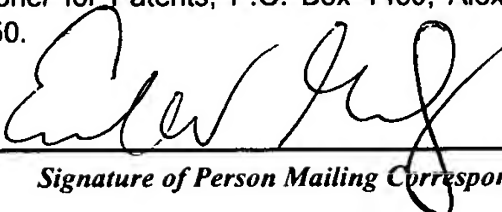
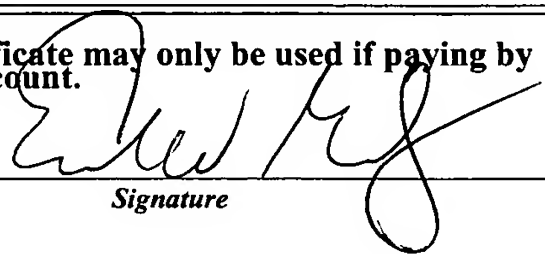


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Applicants, in order to meet their duty of disclosure, set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submit herewith those additional references which they deem relevant to the claims of the present application.

The relevant references are as follows:

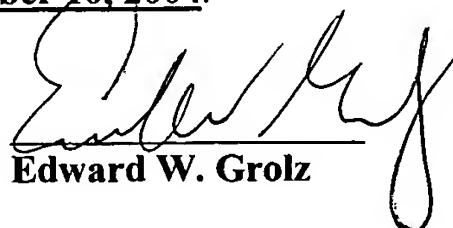
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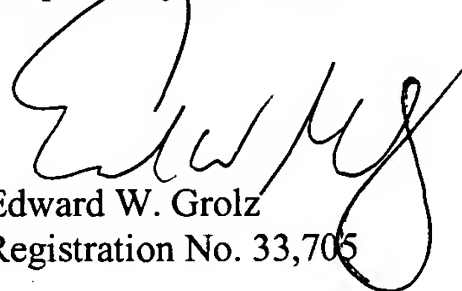
Said references were recently cited in search reports regarding a corresponding British application. Copies of the search reports are also enclosed. It is noted that the patent references identified above are in English. We have only identified those references which were not previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by applicants on April 29, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-mentioned references be made of record in the file of the present application. To that end, applicants submit herewith the aforementioned references and the completed Form PTO-1449, setting forth these references.

Applicants submit that the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is prior to the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no Declaration or fee is required to effect the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the information provided herein may be material to the patentability of the subject application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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